

Exhibit 36

BatteryPark.TV We Inform**BPCA fails to mention \$7.5 million budget item during public meeting**Posted on [October 10, 2014](#) by [Editor](#)[f My Page](#) [Like 0](#)
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The controversial West Thames pedestrian bridge project is a proposed \$30 Million bridge to span the West Side Highway. That number was determined even before plans were drawn up, so the final bridge, if built, will be reverse engineered to make sure that the money budgeted is spent (i.e. this is a pork project).

Some have nicknamed the bridge as Speaker Silver's Bridge, because he, along with former Mayor Bloomberg, have championed to project. Mr. Silver claims to have won the cooperation from the LMDC [to pitch in \\$20 Million](#) of the \$30-some million, and the BPCA would have to pitch in \$7 to \$10 Million more to build the questionably needed bridge.

The bridge project stalled when the city refused to accept the responsibly for cost overruns, and the BPCA did not want to assume the responsibility either. The BPCA agreed to spend only \$2 Million for initial designs of the bridge, and the \$7.5 Million tranche from the BPCA was in limbo.

At the October 22, 2013 BPCA [board meeting](#), the F2014 proposed budget was discussed in detail. There was no mention of the \$7.5 Million for the West Thames bridge.

BPCA obtained the F2014 budget documents that were discussed at the October 22nd meeting. In fact, the budget, which was drafted on October 10, 2013, before the board meeting, did indeed have a \$7.5 Million line-item for the bridge, despite there being no mention of it during the public meeting.

Therefore, yet again, an important construction project managed by the BPCA seems to have been approved in secrecy, violating the state open meeting laws. Recall, the entire RFP process that resulted in the awarding of operations of Pier-A to the Poulakakos family was never discussed in public session.

The status of the West Thames bridge, and other infrastructure projects budgeted for 2014, are unclear. The bridge has not been discussed in open session of a BPCA board meeting for more than 6-months. Also, the new fencing for the West Thames grass field, repairs to the Irish Memorial, creation of a River Terrace crosswalk, repair of the police memorial, Wagner Park restrooms, and other programs have not begun construction.

Battery Park City Authority Capital Plan for Fiscal Year 2014				Exhibit - 4
#	Project	FY-14 Capital Projects	Projected Insurance Proceeds	FY-14 Budget Capital Projects
1	Ball Field Storage Area Paving/Fencing/ Secured Access	\$ 211,921		211,921
2	Ball Field Terrace Irrigation/ Landscaping	30,000		30,000
3	Information Technology	759,617		759,617
4	Parks HQ - Site 3 Major Mechanical Systems	3,464,617		3,464,617
5	Pile Remediation/Seawall Reconstruction	14,200,000		14,200,000
6	River Terrace Crosswalk	400,000		400,000
7	Skyscraper Museum	750,000		750,000
8	9A Frontage	1,549,968		1,549,968
9	Wayfinding/Signage	200,000		200,000
10	Irish Hunger Memorial	2,500,000		2,500,000
11	Storm Mitigation Pilot	1,000,000		1,000,000
12	West Thames Park Fencing	150,000		150,000
13	NYMEX Plaza Remediation	625,000		625,000
14	Rockefeller Pk Playground - Surface repair	450,000		450,000
15	Metes & Bounds Survey	200,000		200,000
16	Infrastructure Study	1,200,000		1,200,000
17	North Cove Assessment	100,000		100,000
18	Police Memorial/North Cove Marina	2,200,000	1,400,000	800,000
19	Esplanade Lighting/Electrical	2,200,000	1,200,000	1,000,000
20	West Thames Bridge	7,500,000		7,500,000
21	Wagner Park Restrooms	750,000		750,000
22	South End Avenue Study	200,000		200,000
23	Electrical Repair Ball Field	600,000	525,000	75,000
24	Electrical Repair - South Grid	1,500,000		1,500,000
25	South Bridge	4,400,000		4,400,000
26	Tribeca Bridge Canopy	350,000		350,000
27	Sinkhole Repair	500,000		500,000
28	Community Ctr. Leak Repair	1,500,000		1,500,000
29	Streetscape Security	700,000		700,000
30	Warren St. Compactor Room	300,000		300,000
31	Parks Corp Capital expenditures	517,625	82,500	435,125
32	On-Call Contracts	750,000		750,000
Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Budget GRAND TOTAL:		\$ 51,758,748	\$ 3,207,500	\$ 48,551,248
Pier A Plaza		\$ 4,500,000		\$ 4,500,000

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